

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2015

PRESENT: Supervisor Edward Fairbrother
Council Bob Adams
Mike Saglibene
Andy Gillette
Attorney Thomas Reilly
Clerk Linda Cross
ABSENT: Council Lee Giammichele

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Fairbrother opened the Special Town Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. and requested those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 238-15
ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS, NOVEMBER 30, 2015 APPROVED

Resolution by: Gillette
Seconded by: Adams

RESOLVE that the Town of Big Flats approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for November 30, 2015, and order the bills paid, when in funds, for the following:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 22,869.94
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 114.99
H12-WD 4&5 Capital Project #12	\$ 34,870.15
WATER DISTRICT #4	\$ 570.46
WATER DISTRICT #5	\$ 4,608.59
LIGHTING DISTRICT	\$ 1,184.46

CARRIED: AYES: Gillette, Adams, Saglibene, Fairbrother
NAYES: None ABSENT: Giammichele

RESOLUTION NO. 239-15
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING APPROVED

Resolution by: Adams
Seconded by: Saglibene

WHEREAS a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York's travelling public and its economy, and

WHEREAS 85 percent of New York's roads and bridges are maintained by local governments, and

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RESOLUTION NO. 239-15, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING APPROVED continued

WHEREAS despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally-owned transportation assets makes them beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction, and

WHEREAS estimates by the State Comptroller, DOT and independent studies show a large portion of road surface is deteriorating and many bridges in the state are rated structurally deficient and functionally obsolete, and

WHEREAS the State Comptroller estimates that there will be \$89 billion in unmet local infrastructure needs over the next 20 years, and

WHEREAS the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own fifteen year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of \$1.3 billion for the local system (excluding NYC) alone, and

WHEREAS funding for our local system has been far short of what is needed and we've fallen further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings, and

WHEREAS the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program, and

WHEREAS in the early 1990's the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capital program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems' capital programs, and

WHEREAS when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed that the NYSDOT and MTA five-year capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently, and

WHEREAS through 2005-09, both five-year capital programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other, and

WHEREAS in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a five-year capital program for the MTA but not the DOT, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Big Flats calls upon the Governor and the state Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2016-17 state budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Big Flats calls upon the Governor, and members of the state Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT five-year transportation capital plan, and

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RESOLUTION NO. 239-15, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING APPROVED continued

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Big Flats calls upon the Governor and members of the state Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT five-year programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

CARRIED: AYES: Gillette, Adams, Saglibene, Fairbrother
NAYES: None ABSENT: Giammichele

RESOLUTION NO. 240-15
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
REALTY USA FOR THE HAMMOND STREET PROPERTY

Resolution by: Saglibene
Seconded by: Gillette

WHEREAS the Town of Big Flats has surplus property located at 78 Hammond Street, and

WHEREAS this property has no value to the Town of Big Flats, and

WHEREAS placing this property back on the Tax Roll will be the best outcome, and

WHEREAS the Town of Big Flats does not have the expertise for the sale of the property nor the people to handle said sale, and

WHEREAS Realty USA with agent D. Moses will list the property for \$19,900 and receive a 6% commission upon the sale of the property with the understanding the Town will entertain offers of no less than \$12,000, and

WHEREAS for environmental purposes the administration of the Town personnel is a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA 6, NYCCR Part 617.5 (c) (25) and as such no further action is required regarding the same, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Realty USA for the sale of 78 Hammond Street property.

CARRIED: AYES: Gillette, Adams, Saglibene, Fairbrother
NAYES: None ABSENT: Giammichele

Councilperson Gillette made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Adams to adjourn the Special Town Board meeting at 4:33 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Date approved: _____ Linda Cross
Town Clerk

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